

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

MELEA WARD,

Plaintiff(s),

NO: 2:24-cv-01849-JHC

vs.

KARA NAKISBENDI M.D., and JOHN DOE
NAKISBENDI, husband and wife, and their
marital community, and INTEGRATIVE
HEALTH INSTITUTE, PLLC, d/b/a SOPHIA
HEALTH INSTITUTE, a Washington
Corporation, and HOLISTIQUE HEALTH
INSTITUTE INC., d/b/a HOLISTIQUE
HEALTH INSTITUTE and HOLISTIQUE
MEDICAL CENTER, a Washington corporation,
and SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER d/b/a
SWEDISH – CHERRY HILL, a Washington
Nonprofit Corporation,

Defendant(s).

STIPULATION AND ORDER TO
REMAND CASE TO STATE COURT

NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:
12/16/2024

STIPULATION

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties herein as follows:

1. Plaintiff filed her Complaint for Medical Malpractice against the above-named defendants on August 14, 2024. Plaintiff is a Canadian citizen. The action was filed in King County Superior Court, State of Washington.
2. Defendant Nakisbendi filed a Notice of Removal to Federal Court on the basis of diversity jurisdiction on November 8, 2024. Defendant Nakisbendi is a citizen of the State of

Washington where the action was filed and is thus ineligible to seek removal of this action pursuant to 28 USC §1441(b)(2). Removal was therefore improper, and Plaintiff is entitled to remand.

3. Defendant Nakisbendi has agreed to voluntarily remand this action back to state court, and all remaining defendants consent to this action being remanded to state court without costs to either party.

4. Upon remand, an updated Order Setting Civil Case Schedule should be issued by the Clerk of the Superior Court of King County, State of Washington.

Dated: 12/16/2024

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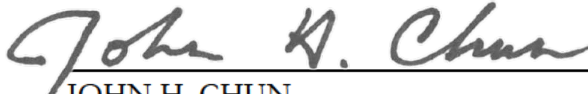
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8 ORDER

9 Pursuant to the above Stipulation between the parties, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the
10 above entitled action is REMANDED to King County Superior Court Cause No. 24-2-18368-0
11 SEA.

12 Dated: December 16, 2024.

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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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